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By Jessie Laing Sibbet

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123 John Beveridge Laing I Contd.

157 Gladys Harriet
b.10-3-1887
m.6-23-1909
157A Walter Ashley
VastBinder
b.5-8-1887

160 Robert Bruce
b.4-24-1896
d.2-10-1955
160A m.160F
Alice Camille

137 Milie Cliff
b.6-15-1868; d.10-16-1954

163	Jessie Gould b.2-28-1884	171	Mary Grace b.4-3-1889	172	James R. d.9-18- d.9-26-
m.9-4-1907					
164	David				
Harper Sibbet					
b.6-17-1876;d.5-28-1950					

158	John Philip	159	Margaret Eli
b.7-4-1910		abeth b.7-24	
m.7-3-1939		1912;m.12-27	
158A Mildred		1933,159A Fra	
Ann Norman		Martin Hartz	
b.11-10-1918		b.6-5-1911	

158B	158C	159B	159C	159D
Bar- bera Har- riet b.l. 0-1941	John Philip Jr., b. 12-7- 1943 1941	Frank Martin Jr. b-8- 20-1935 d.12-1- 1935	John Wil- liam b.4-6- 1937	Ann Keth- ryn b. 4-23- 1942

1 James R. Laing I
2-21-1848; d. 7-1-1896
3-14-1873
2 Euphemia (Effie)
3inner Halley
11-4-1849; d. 1-21-1940

171	Mary Grace b.4-3-1889	172	James R.II b.9-18-1890 d.9-26-1890
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65 James
Harper
8-25-1914 166 Rev.Laing
Witherspoon
b.4-12-1916
m.6-15-1941
166A Dorothy Jane
Elv.b.1-24-1916

167	168	169	17
David	James	John	Go
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29-	19-	b.9-17-	16
1944	1946	1949	19

123 John Beveridge Laing I Cont

m.2-4-1873, 174 Janet(Nettie) Gr
b.2-28-1845;d.3-24-1

175 Mary-Ellen (Mamie)
b.5-24-1874
m.6-26-1895
176 Arthur(Art) E.McLintock
b.8-18-1871 d.11-10-1931

177 Winifred Lain
b.6-17-1897
m.6-14-1922, 177A
Charles N. Humphri
b.9-19-1891

177B	178	179	180	181B	181C	181D	181E
Donald Max b.4-2-1923	Betty Jean b.6-13-1924	Maxine b.11-26-	Barbara Leone b.9-7-1932	Mary Louise Durrant	Philip Jean	Marcia	Ma
m.5-10-1946,177C	m.6-26-1945	1926	m.7-12-1952	b.1-	b.9-15-	b.5-8-	Ka
Wilma Jeanne Town- send,b.7-28-1926	178A H.	d.12-1-	180A James Gilmer	21-	1932	1937	b
			b.5-4-1931				26-1

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onald	Robyn	Gary	Terry	Kirt	Kath
aing	Leigh	Greig	Bruce	Charles	Lee,
2-9	b-11	b-12-	b-1-31-	b-12-	6-22-
947	2-1948	4-1950	1950	26-1951	1953

123 John Beveridge Laing I Contd.

m.193 Grace
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184	187	192	195B	195C	195E	195F	195G	195H
Emma, b.1-31-	Lucretia	William	Willie	Katie	Jessie	Annie	Mary F.	Willie
1880;d.6-5-1947	b.7-27-1881	Winfred	D.b.9-	Belle	May,b.	L.b.	b.6-22-	J.,b.9
m.6-7-1904,184A	d.7-19-1950	b.10-9-	7-1875	b.4-20-	10-6-	9-19-	1885	16-189
John H.Shauman	m.4-8-1903	1883;d.	d.1-29-	1878,m.	1881	1883		
b.10-28-1879	187A George	4-24-	1882	195D Frank				
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	b.7-31-1878							
	d.2-7-1955							

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12-12-1909	Leone	m.10-9-1929	b.7-8-	m.7-17-1937	tia	b.&d.	1922; m. 9-
m.6-2-1934	b.2-	188A	Virgi-	190A Vir-	d.as	1919	7-1950
185A James	9-1916		nia Murphy	ginia Merz	infant		191A
Robt. White		b.11-17-1905		b.8-24-1917			Faith Rudy
b.8-12-1905							

185B Sheryl Lynn b.4-4- 1945	188B Richard R. b.7-6-1933	190B Robert John Jr. b.5-6- 1938	191B Timothy b.4-21- 1953
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GENEALOGY OF THE THOM AND THE LAING FAMILIES

By Jessie Laing Sibbet

Information of these two families had been gained from the following sources:

Members of the Laing Family have sent information.

Euphemia Skinner Halley Laing gave much information in 1930 and in 1939, when notes were taken by me, her daughter, Jessie Gould Laing Sibbet, during conversations with her. Notes also have been used which were taken by my son, Laing Witherspoon Sibbet, in about 1934, during his conversations with my mother.

"History of Newbury, Vermont," 1704-1902, compiled by Frederic P. Wells in behalf of the town. St. Johnsbury, Vt. The Caledonian Company. 1902. This book was furnished by Frank Edwards Halley of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Rev. Thomas Woodbury Grubbs, Presbyterian missionary to Japan, sent information from some research which he did for this genealogy while he was on furlough and studying at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1954.

Miss Mary Grace Laing, my sister, of Washington, D.C., states that she remembers our Grandmother Laing (Mary Thom) saying that we were descended from Robert Bruce of Scotland, but whether it was through the Thom family or the Laing family she does not know. At present, we have no record of our descent from The Bruce.

Many of the facts are recorded from my memory.

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This material originally was intended only for my family's use, without thought of its going further, which is the reason for occasional personal interjections.

If the available information about a person is only that of name and dates for the chart, that information is not repeated in the text. Text and chart should be consulted together, as each explains the other.

The numbers refer to each person's particular number, not to page. They begin with 110a, 110b, and 110, because those from 1 through 109 refer to persons in the Waddell and Halley Genealogy which concerns my mother's line.

Most of the people in these two families originated in the little town of Markinch, Fifeshire, near Edinburgh, Scotland. The town is described by Rev. Thomas Grubbs as very old, picturesque, and quaint. Even if Markinch is not named, the records will usually state, at least, that the person lived in or came from Fifeshire.

110b Mary Tait, born probably between 1765 and 1780, married 110a ? Farris. Her granddaughter, 112 Mary Thom Laing, gave to the latter's grand-
* son, 138 Paul Look Laing, "a beautiful case about 8" long, 5" high, 4 1/2" wide. It has two compartments in one of which, in Grandma's writing, are the names of the Thom children....The case is to go to one of my granddaughters whose name is Mary K....On the top of the case is a copper plate. Inscribed on the plate is "Mary Tait." That is all we know at present (Nov. 1955) about Mary Tait.

110 Captain Robert Thom I (b. 1783; d. 1833) was the head of a Highland regiment which was partly recruited in North Ireland, and it was in northern Ireland that he wooed the girl, 111 Mary Farris, who became his wife. He served in the British Army for nineteen years, taking part in the Peninsular War against Napoleon's army.

** The Peninsular War (1808-14), the conduct and result of which greatly enhanced the prestige of British arms, had for its main object the freedom of the Peninsula of Spain and Portugal from the domination of Napoleon; and hence it derives its name, though it terminated upon the soil of France.... Napoleon abdicated. On May 30, 1814, peace was formally signed at Paris.... The British troops were partly sent to England, and partly embarked at Bordeaux for America, with which country war had broken out (American War of 1812-15). Louis XVIII was restored to the French throne, Napoleon was permitted to reside in the island of Elba.

Captain Robert Thom's command was among those sent over to help crush the American Army. He took part in the battle of New Orleans. Against that ** city the British had been fitting out a formidable expedition. With New Orleans in their possession, the whole of Louisiana and the trade of the Mississippi would be under their control. General Jackson had recently driven the British from the Spanish port of Pensacola; he had also frustrated their attempt to capture Mobile; and now, having heard of their design against New Orleans, was laboring night and day to put that city in the best possible state of defense. After a sharp contest on Lake Borgne, below New Orleans, the British captured a flotilla of gunboats. Advancing, their army encountered the defenders of the city in three engagements. The great and final battle took place on June 8, 1815. The invaders were defeated with terrible loss, their commander, General Pakenham, who had won distinction on battle-fields in Europe, being among the slain.

One year and ten days later, the first child, 112 Mary, of Captain Robert Thom and his wife, 111 Mary Farris, was born near Edinburgh, Scotland. She and her sister, 113 Isabelle, born in 1820, were destined to live in America, the country against which their father had fought.

111 Mary Farris (b. 1798; d. 1850) was born or at least was wooed in North

* Information from 138 Paul Look Laing.

** From Encyclopedia Britannica.

*** From "History of the U.S." by John J. Anderson

Ireland, a part of the country which had been settled by Scotsmen.

112 & 123A Mary Thom (b.6-18-1816;d.12-1-1902) was born in Markinch, Fifehire, Scotland, near Edinburgh. She had blue eyes, was small in stature, and must have been beautiful as a girl because, as an old lady, she had fine features. She married, as second wife, 123 John Beveridge Laing I, had seven children and reared her husband's two children by his first wife. She, my grandmother, used to tell of having smallpox in Scotland when her husband was absent at sea. She was so afraid of the disease spoiling her beauty that she merely pressed hard on the places when they itched badly, and she was left with no scar. Within her small frame seemed to be iron will and endurance. When her husband was overlong at sea - sometimes for over a year at a time - she would take her children to her mother to take care of while she worked in a mill.

Her first child, 133 Mary, was born 12-5-1842, died in infancy. The second, 134 Jane, was born in the spring or summer of 1844, died in 1847. The other children were: 135 John Beveridge II; 161 James; 173 William Lloyd; 194 George; 195 Mary Belle, their second Mary. The first six were all born in Scotland; the last, Mary Belle, was born after the family had come to the U.S. and had settled in Vermont.

My grandmother sometimes related their experiences on the voyage in 1855 from Scotland to the U.S. They were at sea for three months in a sailing vessel, with four or five of their living children. It is not known now whether little George had died before, during, or after the voyage. They left behind in Scotland Fannie, my grandfather's first child by his first wife. Fannie was at least 17. Why she was left is unknown now. My grandmother used to speak of her with sadness many years later, seeming to miss her a great deal. Perhaps Fannie was engaged to be married.

They bought a farm in Vermont and lived on it for some years. Then they moved to Evart, Michigan. Later, they lived in an apartment back of their doctor-son's offices in Otisville, Mich. When I was a very small child and visited them, I remember persuading my grandmother to leave a light burning near me at night - an indulgence which I never had at home. She had a sweet, kind, and gentle disposition and could be easily imposed upon.

It must have been about 1890 when they moved to an apartment on the second floor of our house in Flint, Mich. Their rooms were very comfortable. There were two large rooms, each opening off a long hall. One room was divided into a kitchen and a diningroom. The other room was their "sittingroom." At one end of this was a large ell which they used as their bedroom. On the wall in this ell hung two big framed pictures, one of Queen Victoria and the other of her husband, Prince Albert.

When I would go upstairs to visit my grandmother, she always gave me fat sugar cookies and tea with milk and sugar. She and I would enjoy our cookies and tea seated at the drop-leaf cherry table which I own now. It was while she lived in our house, when she must have been nearly 80, that she danced the Highland Fling for me behind closed doors. She used to speak highly of

my mother who would sew for her and help her in various ways. She owned a pewter teapot with the maker's name and the date (1654) stamped on the bottom. This she gave to her grandson, 138 Paul Lock Laing. See 110b regarding "a beautiful case," dated 1654, which had belonged to her grandmother.

In 1896 Grandfather Laing died Jan. 10, and less than six months later my father died July 1. After some months, it was decided that Grandma Laing should go to live with her doctor-son in Otisville. She lived there until her death in 1902. She died of a heart attack and old age. She was buried in Flint beside her husband and my father in Avondale Cemetery.

113 Isabelle Thom was born 10-30-1820 in Scotland. She lived there with her first husband, 114 James MacDonald. Whether or not the latter came to the U.S. is not known now. They had a daughter, 115 Mary, who came to the U.S. with her mother. After the death of her first husband, Isabelle married 119 Andrew Arthur and lived in Newbury, Vt., where my mother, sister and I visited her in the summer of 1901. My memory of her is of someone of great animation, with dark eyes and coal-black hair although she must have been around 80 then.

117 Frank Heath lived in Groton, Vt. We saw him and his wife, 115 Mary MacDonald, and their adopted son, 118 Ira Heath, when we visited Massachusetts and Vermont the summer of 1901.

118 Ira Heath (b. 1881 or 1883; d. 1925 or 1930) was adopted by 117 Frank Heath. Ira visited us in Flint some time between 1898 and 1900.

121 Robert Laing I was born in Scotland, probably between 1770 and 1785, married Margaret Beveridge who also was born in Scotland. They had five children: Alexander, Robert, James, John Beveridge I, and one whose name is now unknown.

* 122 Alexander Laing, son of Robert and Margaret (Beveridge) Laing, was born in Markinch, Fifeshire, Scotland. He went to Canada, then to the U.S., became a farmer in Vermont. He was a fine man, church-goer. He would not allow his wheat to be taken in on Sunday. His neighbor's was. The neighbor's wheat spoiled because of being wet, but his was good.

Whether or not the above Alexander Laing was the same as the one described below (taken from the "History of Newbury") is not known for certain. There is similarity. It is certain, however, that the mother of the above Alexander was Margaret Beveridge. Perhaps the Berrick mentioned in the "History of Newbury" should have been written Beveridge. There are similar errors in the book which must have been unavoidable in so large a work, the details gleaned from so many sources. The book records the name of only this one (Alexander) of the children of Robert and Margaret (Berrick) Laing.

** 122 perhaps. Alexander Laing, son of Robert and Margaret (Berrick) Laing, was born 11-20-1792, in Fifeshire, Scotland. He was a weaver, married

* From notes taken during a conversation with my mother.

** From "History of Newbury," p. 614.

6-9-1817 May(Mary) Greig (born Scotland 7-2-1792; d. in Newbury 1-1-1862), daughter of Robert and Christian (Wallace) Greig. See 174 Janet(Nettie) Greig whose grandfather, James, was a brother of this May Greig. They left Scotland in March, 1834, reached Montreal, Canada, in May and came to Newbury. Alexander bought a farm on Leighton Hill and became a farmer. Presbyterians. Their descendants usually spell the name "Lang." He died 12-6-1871. Eight of their nine children were born in Scotland, the 9th in Newbury.

* Children:

1. Christian, b. 1818; m. 1847, Edward Mulliken; d. 1896 Medina, Mich.
2. Margaret, b. 1819; m. 1841, Ransom Young; d. 1842 Newbury.
3. Helen, b. 1821; m. 1847, Andrew Govan; d. 1895 Metamora, Mich.
4. Robert Greig, b. 1823. Farmer on Leighton Hill; m. Sarah Elizabeth Tewksbury.

Children:

Harriet Ella, b. 1856; m. 1878 John S. Burroughs.

Alexander Nelson, b. 1860; m. Sadie L. Derby. Children: Ethel May, b. 1888; Robt. Greig, b. 1891; Daughter; Sadie Josephine, b. 1897.

5. May, b. 11-11-1825; d. 12-29-1826.
6. Margary, b. 11-3-1827; d. 4-28-1854.
7. Alexander, b. 4-1-1830; m. Eliza Bowley; removed to Washington.
8. Elizabeth, b. 5-3-1833; m. George Downing; d. 1-21-1860.
9. Mary Ann, b. Newbury; m. George Leighton; d. 6-21-1859 Barnet, Vt.

122A Robert Laing II, born about 1810, was a seaman.

122B Captain James Laing was born about 1812, was a seaman, owning his own vessel.

122C ? Laing was born about 1813, was a seaman.

123 John Beveridge Laing I (b. 5-14-1815; d. 1-10-1896) was born across the Firth of Forth from Edinburgh, Scotland. His 124 first wife died in 1839 or 1840, leaving him with two small children, 125 Fannie and 126 Robert III. In 1840 or 1841 he married 112 & 125A Mary Thom. They had seven children, including two Marys. The first 133 Mary died in infancy.

When John was twelve years old, his parents wanted him to do something other than sail, so they apprenticed him to a London shoe firm. But he had sailor blood in him so he ran away from his London job and reached home. His parents realized there was no use trying to keep him from the sea, so apprenticed him to a sea captain who was an honorable and capable man and who kept John thirteen years, advancing him to the post of 1st Mate.

During those thirteen years John had many experiences. Once they sailed into Riga Harbor just as Russia was struck with an epidemic of bubonic plague. On one ship the only thing left alive was a cat. There were two on John's ship who escaped the plague and John was one of them. At another time there was a bad fog covering the English channel, causing John's ship to be rammed and sunk. John and one other sailor were saved. On a voyage from Liverpool

* From "History of Newbury," p. 561 and 614.

to Cairo, Egypt, during the pirate days, they were attacked by pirates during a calm. At that time every merchant vessel was armed by at least one cannon. When the pirate ship got in range the command to fire was given. For some time the smoke hung to the water but, when it finally cleared, no pirate ship was to be seen. Still another experience was one time when the ship was riding a terrible storm and huge waves were washing over the ship. John was at the wheel when a heavy wave struck him and washed him from the wheel and overboard. Some sailor grabbed the wheel, but others tried to see "Jack." They thought it was goodbye for Jack, but he had grasped a large rope which also had been washed overboard with one end fast to the deck of the ship. So John's head appeared over the ship's rail and, with some help, he was aboard again.

* His sailing days allowed him to reach every continent but Australia. The last years of his sailing career were spent as First Mate with his brother James' ship which plied along the North and South American ports from Halifax to Buenos Aires. John was always away at sea when his children were born, sometimes for over a year at a time.

After coming with his family to the U.S. in 1855, he bought a farm in Vermont and became a farmer, his sons helping him as they grew old enough. He lived at Topsham, Vermont, and at Newbury, Vermont. After his son, 135 John Beveridge II, went to Michigan to study medicine and another son, 161 James, my father, went to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to attend the University of Michigan, my grandparents moved to Evart, Michigan. Later they had an apartment back of their doctor-son's offices in Otisville, Michigan. After that, they had an apartment in my parents' house in Flint, Michigan. Here, they lived for many years.

My grandfather had black hair and dark brown eyes, was of medium height and build. He used to make willow-tree whistles and bows and arrows for me when I was a child and willingly did whatever else I demanded of him. He died of Bright's Disease in Flint, Michigan, and was buried in Avondale Cemetery, Flint, Michigan.

125 Fannie Laing was born in Scotland in 1838 or a little before. She was a very small child when her mother died, and her father, 123 John Beveridge Laing I, married Mary Thom in 1840 or 1841. Fannie was at least 17 when the family left Scotland for the U.S. in 1855. She stayed behind in Scotland, for what reason is not now known. It may be she was about to be married.

126 Robert Laing III (b.1839;d.1902) was born in Scotland, was 16 when the family migrated to the U.S. in 1855. He married a Mrs. Wilson who already had two children. Sometimes he came to visit us in Flint, Michigan. He had dark eyes, very white hair, a long white beard. Once my parents and my sister and I visited him in Manchester, New Hampshire, where he lived. I have a memory of a handsome house and remember well his three grandchil-

* These sailing experiences are taken from the "Memoirs" of 138 Paul L.Laing.

dren. He was a merchant or a manufacturer, was considered very well off. He died about 1902. He and his wife had a son, Elmer.

128 Elmer Laing lived in Manchester, N.H., married 129 Lottie Cutter in 1888. They had three children: Irma, Enid, Robert.

134 Jane Laing was born in Markinch, Scotland, in the spring or summer of 1844, died in 1847.

135 John Beveridge Laing II (b.11-16-1846;d.4-6-1908) was born in Markinch, Fifeshire, Scotland. When about nine, in 1855, he went to the U.S. with his family. When he was about to leave, he was presented with a Bible which his son, 138 Paul Look Laing, now (Nov.1955) owns. On the flyleaf is this in handwriting: "To John Laing as a small token of regard for diligence and good behavior, on his leaving Philip's Institution Path Head for United States of America. 15th May 1855. William Arthur, Head Master."

He studied one year at Bowdoin, one year in the University of Michigan, then attended Detroit Medical College where he obtained his M.D. in 1870, was valedictorian of his class. He interned at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

He married, 7-26-1871, 136 Harriet (Hattie) Look. They had five children: Paul Look, Gertrude, James Ronald, John Beveridge III, Gladys Harriet. John Beveridge Laing II (Uncle John to me) settled in Otisville, Michigan, a village about 25 miles from Flint, as Flint was then. He had a large medical practice over the countryside. His house was on the main street, and next to it on a corner was a long, one-story building which he owned, the front part being given over to his offices, the back part consisting of several rooms in which his father and mother lived for a few years. Later on, one of his sons, 146 Ronald, lived there for a time with his wife and first child.

Uncle John's hobby was playing a horn in the Otisville band of which he was the leader. Band practice in summertime was done on the lawn between his house and his office building. He had blue eyes, dark hair, sandy mustache and goatee, usually had an amused, kindly smile on his face, talked with a slight, Scottish accent, especially with the rolling r's. He was an easy-going person, was a splendid story teller.

For many years I enjoyed an annual summer visit of two weeks at his home. During these visits his daughter, 157 Gladys, and I often accompanied him when he went on his daily round of the countryside to visit his patients. He used a light buggy, had two swift horses who would break into their accustomed fast running the moment they and the buggy left the barn and entered the road. The horses were named "Dan", a white one, and "Jenny", a black one. They lived for many years, were so swift that, when Gladys and I rode with my uncle, it seemed as if we were going like the wind.

Sometimes when Uncle John would be visiting a patient, the people would have Gladys and me come inside and usually they would give us something to eat. One time we sat at a table, and a whole apple pie and a big

pitcher of milk were set before us.

As long as I can remember, Uncle John owned a farm about two miles from the village. It didn't pay him much but he loved having it, made all his sons work on it to the disgust of the two youngest boys.

Aunt Hattie died 5-31-1893. In 1894 or 1895, Uncle John married 137 Milie Cliff of Flint, by whom he had a son, 160 Robert Bruce.

Uncle John began to have diabetes. Although insulin was not used then, he knew what his diet should be, but he had to give up his practice, and he retired to the house on the farm, died there in 1908.

136 Harriet Lock (b.12-20-1850;d.5-31-1893) was born in Otisville, Mich. She was of average build, had blue eyes and blond hair and was an attractive person. Scottish ancestors of hers by the name of "Look" settled in the early 1600's on Martha's Vinyard, the island about three or four miles off the south coast of Massachusetts. Her grandfather, Elijah Lock, was born 12-25-1794 on Martha's Vineyard. He married Augusta Pixley (b.7-4-1799 in Darrington, Mass.) Their son, Asher Lock (b.1-12-1822;d.1-18-1890) was born in Sheridan, New York. In 1839, he bought 80 acres of pine land in Forest Township near what is now Otisville. He and his wife were Methodists. Their grandson, Paul Lock Laing, says of his grandfather, Asher Lock, "He was one of the best Christian men that ever lived. Scarlet fever nearly took him from the world when he was about 17 and he never became strong but he had a good business head and, no matter what he took up, he would prosper although he could go only so long when he would have to sell and rest up for a spell. His death was wonderful. He lay for two days in a coma but just as he passed away he looked up with the most wonderful smile on his face and, although he was not able to speak, he pointed to heaven. No one was ever more ready than he." Both he and his wife died in Otisville. They had two daughters and one son: Mary Jane Lock who married 7-26-1871 Albert K. Hunton; Harriet; Bernie who died in Benus Point, N.Y.

Harriet married 7-26-1871 Dr. John Beveridge Laing. Their children were: Paul Lock, Gertrude who died at one year of age, James Ronald, John Beveridge III, Gladys Harriet.

137 Milie Cliff (b.6-15-1868;d.10-16-1954) was blond with blue eyes, had fine features. She was a stenographer for a Lawyer in Flint, Mich., was one of the first young women to ride a bicycle in Flint. She married Dr. John Beveridge Laing II in 1894 or 1895 and lived with him in Otisville, Mich., and later with him on the farm near Otisville. They had one son, 160 Robert Bruce. After her husband's death, she and her son lived in Nampa, Idaho.

138 Paul Lock Laing was born 12-6-1872 in Otisville, Mich. He was blond like his mother, with blue eyes. He graduated from the Flint, Mich., High School. For one year he studied Law at the University of Michigan. On 4-7-1896 he married 139 Nellie McCormick of Otisville. He was principal for several years of the Otisville High School, was a member of the Otisville band for many years.

Paul and his father-in-law, John H. McCormick, on 5-7-1900, entered into partnership in a mercantile and funeral business, so Paul became a Funeral Director. Both he and Nellie were fond of music. She was still singing in the Methodist choir and Paul was directing it when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. She died less than one month afterward.

In 1950 Paul sold his business and retired. The following is taken from a 1955 clipping from the Davison paper: "Paul L. Laing will retire as Forest Township clerk after nearly 30 years of continuous service. He was elected in 1925....Mr. Laing was custodian of Smith Hill Cemetery and is responsible for the many improvements there. In 1946 he purchased a parcel of land adjacent to the cemetery and donated it to the township as a memorial to his wife, Nellie Laing. His loyalty and interest in all township affairs has been deeply appreciated by the residents of this area and the board members with whom he served." In 1955 Paul published his "Memoirs." He now (Nov. 1955) lives with his granddaughter, 141B Norma Jean. Children: Harriet, Douglas R., John Kenneth, Paul A., Charles M., Hunton W. Address: Otisville, Michigan.

139 Nellie McCormick(b.6-22-1875;d.4-29-1946) was born in Otisville, Michigan. In 1839 Nellie's grandfather, Matthew McCormick, bought 40 acres of pine land in Forest Township, Mich., near the present Otisville and, in the fall of the same year, built a house in the west part of what is now Otisville. On 2-22-1840, to Matthew McCormick and his wife was born the first white male child in Forest Township, John H. McCormick, who became Nellie's father.

Nellie was blond and blue-eyed, was a good pianist and had a good singing voice. She married Paul Look Laing 4-7-1896 and, with him, kept up her interest in music, was still singing in the Methodist choir and Paul was directing it when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary 4-7-1946. She died less than one month afterward. Children: As above in 138.

141 Douglas R. Laing was born 10-2-1891 in Otisville, Mich. He attended Central High School in Flint, Mich. For several years he was salesman in the Smith Bridgeman department store in Flint in the carpet and rug department, proved successful as a trouble shooter. Later, he had a good position in Detroit in the carpet and linoleum business. His father says he "is a great pusher." He has a fine home in the most beautiful part of Detroit, is a Methodist. He married 6-22-1920 Myrtle M. Beagle, has a daughter, Norma Jean. At present (Nov. 1955) he and his wife are caring for Belle McCormick, sister of 139 Nellie McCormick Laing. Belle is an invalid, a bed patient. Address: 14503 Artesian, Detroit 23, Michigan.

141B Norma Jean Laing was born 11-10-1921 in Otisville, Mich. She married George L. Robinson. Children: Jeffery L., Paul D., Elizabeth Jill. Her grandfather, Paul Look Laing, lives with her. Address: Otisville, Michigan.

142 John Kenneth Laing (called Kenneth) was born 5-10-1902 in Otisville, Mich. He graduated from the Otisville High School, married 8-7-1928 Ruth Helmka. He is a decorator in Otisville and is in much demand. Children:

Edna Ruth and James R. Address: Otisville, Mich.

142B Edna Ruth Laing was born 6-7-1930 in Otisville, Mich. She married Leo Pittenger. Children: Yvonne Marie, Robin Lee, Daniel Leo. The family lives near Davison, Mich.

142G James R. Laing was born 1-1-1932, married Janet R. Shank. Address: Otisville, Mich.

143 Paul A. Laing was born 7-21-1905 in Otisville, Mich., graduated from Otisville High School, was a good athlete. He went to Chicago College of Mortuary Science and was taken into the funeral business with his father who says that, although Paul had the proper personality for the business, he had to quit, perhaps because of the fumes of embalming fluids or because of the pollen from many flowers. He is now vice president of a small factory that makes metal parts for automobiles and government arms. He married 1-5-1935 Catherine C. Kehoe. Children: Paula Ann born and died the same day, Mary Kathryn, Ann Marie. Address: Otisville, Mich.

144 Charles M. Laing was born 9-6-1909 in Otisville, Mich., graduated from the Otisville High School, was a good athlete. He is a government employee of a large plant owned by the Michigan State College but run by the U.S. Government for study to improve poultry breeds and for the study of poultry diseases. In college he took a special course in poultry. After graduating the college sent him out testing trap nesting across central Michigan. Then the U.S. Government picked him up. He lives in a good government house; his three sons who are fine students will go through Mich. State College. Children: Ronald Terrell, John Charles, Douglas Ami. Address: R.2, Box 10, Lansing, Mich.

144A Pearl Eileen Terrell, born 10-23-1911, married Charles M. Laing, graduated from Mich. State College with high honors, is a part-time teacher.

145 Hunton W. Laing was born 7-17-1913 in Otisville, Mich. He was born with smallpox, his father having contracted the disease two weeks before from a woman whose mother's funeral he conducted. All the family had it but, because of their doctor's thorough inoculation, all were saved. Hunton graduated from Otisville High School, was a good athlete. He married 3-22-1935 Clarice B. Bentley. He is a driver of a milk route that takes in four towns, is the company's best driver for adding new customers. He is Superintendent of the Sunday School. Address: Otisville, Mich.

146 James Ronald Laing (always called Ronald or Ron) was born 4-15-1879 in Otisville, Mich., the son of 135 Dr. John Beveridge Laing. He had black, curly hair and blue eyes. He was a wonderful horseback rider. All his life, even now in 1955, he has enjoyed going to northern Michigan for deer hunting. Ronald married 6-15-1904 Elsie J. Misner of Otisville. Children: R. Max, Ward Robert, John Curtis (called Curtis), Gertrude Elsie, Harriet Look, Mary Jane. At first, Ronald was in business in Otisville. After moving to Ypsilanti, Mich., he was painter at the Mich. State Normal College until he retired.

Ronald says he remembers the time, about 1897, when he and his older brother, Paul, moved 112 Grandmother Laing from our house in Flint to his father's house in Otisville. It rained after they started and they had to drive their load into the barn of 176 Art McLintock and stay at his house over Sunday. On Sunday morning Ronald rode horseback over to our house, and his Aunt Effie, my mother, chided him for riding his horse on Sunday. He says his horse was a very good one and he was proud of him, but Ronald didn't blame his Aunt Effie for ignoring his horse and horsemanship.

Now, in 1955, Ronald is white-haired and thin but in exceptionally good health and goes deer hunting every fall. He, with three other men, have,

in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, 180 acres of wild land that has on it two camps. There, the four elderly huntsmen have good times. Address: 1320 Collegewood Drive, Ypsilanti, Mich.

146A Elsie J. Misner, born in Otisville 12-6-1877, was a pretty, blue-eyed girl who married James Ronald Laing. With their first child, R. Max, they lived for a time back of the offices of 135 Dr. John Beveridge Laing II.

149 John Curtis Laing (called Curtis) was born 11-18-1909. He is very blond, was married and divorced. He and his wife had a son and a daughter. Curtis has a bad heart and has spent a great deal of time in hospitals.

150 Gertrude Elsie Laing, born 11-25-1911, married Tom Holden. Children: Tom Jr., Georgia, Harry, Ronald. Address: 24701 Emerson, Dearborn, Mich.

150A Tom Holden married Gertrude Elsie Laing. He is an executive at the Ford Co. Address 24701 Emerson, Dearborn, Mich.

150B Tom Holden Jr. was born in 1933, is married and flying Jets for the U.S., stationed in N.Y.

151 Harriet Look Laing was born 8-22-1913, married Lou Batterson. They had a son, Lary. Her second husband is Gilbert Hinckley who is in Tokyo, Japan. She is now (Feb. 1955) in New Jersey but will return soon to Japan, a country which she does not like very well.

151B Lary Batterson was born August 1, 1932. He had three years in the Marines, was not out of the States, was stationed one year in Calif. He is now (1955) attending Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, Mich. Address: 1320 Collegewood Drive, Ypsilanti, Mich.

151C Gilbert Hinckley married Harriet Look Laing as her second husband. He is with the Ford Co., at present (Feb. 1955) is in Tokyo, Japan. He is superintendent of agencies for Japan, China, Korea, and Formosa and travels a great deal.

152 Mary Jane Laing, born 5-11-1918, married Reed Struppa. Children: Jane Ann and Kenton. Address: Bollo Road, Ypsilanti, R.F.D., Mich.

153 John Beveridge Laing III was born 12-27-1882 in Otisville, Mich. He had red hair and freckles and fine features and was a good, kind-hearted boy as I remember him. He married, 9-22-1909, Edith May Palmer of Carson City, Mich. John and his wife are both short, are Presbyterians. John's hobbies have been fishing, hunting, and golf. He still hunts a little and is a baseball, football, and hockey fan. He and his family lived in Flint, then Detroit, then Flint again. He was bank paymaster, city assessor, and engaged in the real estate business, is retired now (1955) except for doing a little real estate work. He and his wife have three children: John Beveridge IV, William A., Helen H. Address: 132 W. Jamieson St., Flint, Mich.

153A Edith May Palmer was born 9-22-1909 in Carson City, Mich. She is a brunette, is short, is a Presbyterian. She married John Beveridge Laing III. She has done a good deal of church work and P.T.A. work, has belonged to a bridge club for years. Three children as noted in 153. Address: Same as 153 husband's.

154 John Beveridge Laing IV was born 3-25-1914 in Flint, Mich. He graduated from Flint Junior College and went to General Motors Institute, became a Mechanical Engineer, a member of Four-States Machinery Co. of Chicago, Ill. He is a brunette, is medium-tall, married Feb. 1945, Marilyn who is blond and who had one year at General Motors Tech. in Flint. Both are Presbyterians. He likes to fish, hunt, and play golf, but especially likes sailing. He and his wife have three children: Marilyn Ann, John Beveridge V, Robert W. Address: 726 Lenox Road, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

155 William A. Laing was born in Flint, Mich., 4-27-1915. He is fair

and short, had a year at Albion College and a year of business school. In April, 1937, he married Muriel whom he had met in Albion College. Both are Episcopalians. He has done advertising work. Since about July, 1954, he has been manufacturing chrome-plated racks such as stores use for dresses and suits, also some smaller fixtures. He is fond of hunting, fishing, and golf. Children: John Scott and Cheryl. Address: 151 Hudson, Coldwater, Mich.

156 Helen H. Laing was born 3-20-1920 in Flint, Mich., is a brunette, had two years at Cleary Business College, married in April, 1941, Franklin P. Ashworth. She is a Presbyterian, likes any kind of art work, sews and cooks well, does church and P.T.A. work. Children: Franklin P.Jr. and William. Address: 510 W. Ohio St., Bay City, Mich.

156A Franklin P. Ashworth had four years at Cleary Business College in Ypsilanti, Mich. While there he met his future wife, Helen H. Laing. He is large and fair. Presbyterian. He works in the office of a factory.

157 Gladys Harriet Laing was born in Otisville, Mich., 10-3-1887. She has blue eyes and brown hair, is short. When a child she had long, golden curls. While we were children, for years she visited me for two weeks in the summer in Flint, and I visited her two weeks in Otisville. We had many escapades together, especially in Otisville. She became a very good pianist. She married, 6-23-1909, Walter Ashley VastBinder and lived with him in Grand Blanc, Mich., then in Detroit. Children: John Philip, Margaret Elizabeth, Mary Jean. Address: 1154 Hibbard Ave., Detroit 14, Mich.

157A Walter Ashley VastBinder was born 5-8-1887, has blue eyes, brown hair, is a large man. Teacher and Pharmaceutical Manufacturer; now (1955) has been retired for two years. He married Gladys Harriet Laing.

158 John Philip VastBinder was born 7-4-1910. Like his father, he has blue eyes, brown hair and is a large man. He is a Layout Engineer in Ford Motor Co. On 7-3-1939 he married Mildred Ann Norman who also has blue eyes and brown hair. She is of medium build. Children: Barbara Harriet and John Philip Jr.

159 Margaret Elizabeth VastBinder was born 7-24-1912, went to school in New England, has blue eyes, brown hair, is a small person. She married, 12-27-1933, Frank Martin Hartz.

159A Frank Martin Hartz, born 6-5-1911, is an Electrical Engineer with the Detroit Edison Co.

160 Robert Bruce Laing (b.4-24-1896;d.2-10-1955) was born in Otisville, Mich, the son of 135 Dr. John Beveridge Laing II and his second wife, Milie Cliff. He was a handsome little boy with fine features, yellow curls, and blue eyes. When he had been in school a year or two, he told of one day putting a frog in the teacher's desk drawer. He added with a grin, "I got a lickin' for it. But, gee, it was worth it." Soon after his father died in 1908, he and his mother moved to Nampa, Idaho. He early joined the National Guards. In about 1916 when the U.S. was having trouble with Mexico, he was in the army on the Mexican border. He just reached home in Nampa when he was called to duty in World War I. He served in France and Germany, became an instructor in heavy artillery. When World War II started, he immediately enlisted and was placed in charge of an embarkation point in San Francisco. After the war ended, he was a major and sent to Japan where he had a very pleasant time. The children loved him and he was invited into some of the finest homes. One of them was the home of a Japanese whom Robert called the Henry Ford of Japan. This man, his wife, and daughter were all educated in the U.S. Robert's first wife is Alice and they had a daughter, Roberta. Alice lives (1955) in Portland, Oregon.

He had a photographic studio at 102 DeYoung Bldg., San Francisco 4, Calif. His second wife is Camille who wrote Feb. 25, 1955, "Bob passed away Feb. 10th while on an assignment." Her address is 2735 39th Ave., San Francisco, 16, Calif.

160B Roberta Laing, daughter of 160 Robert Bruce Laing, married 160C Nicol. They have four children. Address: McMinnville, Oregon. Her mother was Robert's first wife, Alice.

161 James R. Laing (b. 2-21-1848; d. 7-1-1896) was born in Markinch, Fife-shire, Scotland, near Edinburgh. As a boy of seven, he came with his parents in 1855 to the U.S. and lived with them in Vermont. He worked on his father's farm. His older brother, 135 John Beveridge Laing II went to the University of Michigan to study medicine. On March 14, 1873, James married Euphemia (Effie) Skinner Halley of Newbury, Vt., and went with her to Michigan, living for awhile in Otisville, then went to Ann Arbor where he did what work he could find to help himself through Law School. After receiving his Bachelor of Laws degree 3-29-1876, he stayed on and obtained his Bachelor of Science degree July 1, 1880.

He and his wife went to Flushing, Mich., where he was principal of a school and she was a teacher in the same school. I was born to them in Flushing in 1884. About 1885 or 1886, they moved to Flint where he began practicing Law with Judge Lovell. Not long afterward, he began his practice by himself, having all the rest of his life offices over the First National Bank on the northwest corner of Saginaw and Kersley Streets, six blocks from our home.

My father bought the place at 601 Liberty St., across from the Walker School. The house was large with a big barn at the rear of the place. My father gained great success in his profession. He became very active in the Prohibition Party and active always in trying to clean up anything wrong in Flint.

He had a cow, a horse, buggy, two-seated surrey, sleigh. In the summertime he hired a boy to drive the cow to and from pasture.

My sister, Mary, was born in 1889, and in 1890 a baby boy was born who died when less than a month old.

My father's name was really only James Laing, but another man in Flint had the same name which made for confusion so my father early in his career began to use the initial "R." He was of more than average height, a handsome, distinguished looking man, with black hair, dark brown eyes, a mustache and short, pointed, VanDyke beard. For many years he taught the adult Bible class in the First Presbyterian Church in Flint and for some years was the Sunday School Superintendent. He had a beautiful singing voice.

At the funeral of his father who died 1-10-1896, he stood at the grave-side with uncovered head, although it was raining, and caught a cold which went into the "Grippe" and then into Bright's Disease. He was ill $5\frac{1}{2}$ months. During that time he visited Harper Hospital in Detroit for possible help, but they gave him no encouragement. He died 7-1-1896 and was buried near his father in Avondale Cemetery, Flint.

162 Euphemia (Effie) Skinner Halley (b. 11-4-1849; d. 1-21-1940) was born in Newbury, Vt. Her great, great, great grandfather, on her mother's side, was William Waddell of Scotland, born between 1650 and 1665. He was among the Scots who were persecuted for their Presbyterian faith during the reign of Charles II. He had a son, James. James had a son, John Waddell I, who was born in 1732 in Erskine, Scotland. He and his wife, Rebecca Allison, had seven children. The youngest was John II who came to Ryegate, Vt., near Newbury, in Oct., 1774, expecting to send for his family soon. It was ten

years before he could do that. He became a scout for the American side in the Revolutionary War. John Waddell II was the grandfather of 162 Euphemia (Effie) Halley. In 1784 his wife and youngest son, John III came. John II was a real pioneer in Vermont. He bought a farm on Jefferson Hill, Newbury, Vt. Two houses that he built, the first a log house, are still (1955) standing. He and his wife, Susannah Patten, had eight children, the youngest being Jennet who, as second wife, married James Halley (born in Markinch Fifeshire, Scotland). James and his brother, John II, had come with their families to Newbury, Vt., in about 1847. James and Jennet had two children: Euphemia (Effie) and Jean. Effie and her sister, Jean, were usually together, Jean being only 19 months younger. Their favorite place to visit was their Uncle Rob's and Aunt Jean's. The two children often walked on top of crusted snow, the snow so high that fences were covered by it. Effie attended a Young Ladies' Seminary. Later she took Chataqua courses. She had thick, brown hair and hazel-greenish eyes, was about average in height and weight.

She married James Laing 3-14-1873, went with him to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he attended the U. of Mich. Afterward, they went to Flushing, Mich., where he was principal of a school and she was a teacher in the same school. While they were in Flushing, I was born. About 1885 they moved to Flint where a second child, Mary, was born and a third, a boy, who died before he was a month old.

My mother was very intelligent and kept up well with current events. She had remarkable health and strength, was active in church work and in the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She was strict about keeping Sunday.

After my father's death, she rented rooms in our large house for several years, then decided to move to Ann Arbor where she had old friends and where I could go to the university and where my sister could go also if she wished. The move was made in 1904. The house my mother bought in Ann Arbor was large, and she rented rooms profitably to students, taking only non-smokers.

After my husband and I had settled in Washington, D.C. and had two small sons, my mother and Mary moved to Washington where my mother bought the house next us. Mary had obtained a position in the government.

My mother was so accustomed to health and activity that, at about the age of 80, when she was forced to be in bed for a month with an injury to her knee, she growled and grumbled furiously at her condition. Laughingly I said to her one day, "Mama, you act like a caged, wild animal." She snapped her reply, "I feel like one."

Cataracts formed in her eyes so that she was at length unable to read or to sew although she could still do her housework. This condition lasted two or three years. Then her sight gradually returned, in answer to prayer she said. Her sight was not quite so keen as before, but she was able to sew and to read in comfort again.

When she was 88, the stairs in her house had become a burden to her. In 1938 she sold her house and moved into an apartment on Quincy St., 1½ blocks from us. She became a little unsteady on her feet but refused heatedly to use a cane. Her health was excellent and her mind clear. Dec. 23, 1939, she fell and broke her arm, only a little crack, and it healed well, but in a week or so she suffered a heart attack. She died 1-21-1940, was buried beside my father in Avondale Cemetery, Flint, Mich.

163 Jessie Gould Laing was born 2-28-1884 in Flushing, Mich. Her parents were James R. Laing and Effie Halley, both of them from Vermont and of Scot-

tish descent. The name, "Gould," was the married name of the mother's sister, Jean. Soon after Jessie's birth the family moved to Flint, Mich., where the father practiced Law. Jessie attended Alma College, Alma, Mich. (Presbyterian College) for two years and the University of Michigan two years, graduating from the latter in June, 1906 with a B.A. degree. She taught Latin and English in the Holland, Mich. High School for one year, then married David Harper Sibbet 9-4-1907 in her mother's home in Ann Arbor. The two left for a four-year sojourn in Manila, P.I. where Harper was the attorney for the Bureau of Public Works and where Jessie had a position with the Bureau of Education; later in the Records Division in the Army Ordnance Depot at Fort Santiago; still later being head of the Records Division of the branch of the Bureau of Public Works while it was stationed four months in Baguio, in the mountains to the north of Manila. Harper had his work there at the same time.

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They left the Islands in Sept. 1911, returning to the States by way of the Suez Canal, with two months of touring Europe. Their next home was in Washington, D.C. where they lived for 26 years. In Washington their two sons were born: James Harper and Laing Witherspoon.

When young, Jessie did much ice-skating, playing of tennis, horseback riding, and painting in water colors, was interested in studying the piano, and, in Washington, in amateur dramatics. Now, her interests are the church, the Pasadena University of Michigan Club, a little writing, and gardening. She is small with dark eyes and white hair. When young, her hair was coal-black like her father's. Address: 1091 Woodbury Road, Pasadena 6, Calif. Her unmarried son, James, lives with her.

164 David Harper Sibbet (b.6-17-1876;d.5-28-1950), youngest son of Rev. William Ryan Sibbet (born in Newville, Pa.) was born at Burnsville, W.Va. His grandfather, Thomas Sibbet, had come to Pennsylvania as a small child with his parents from the Scottish colony in the north of Ireland. The lineage of the mother of David Harper Sibbet (called Harper by the family) is of such great interest because of the many illustrious names included that it seems worth mentioning here. The line goes back through the father of Dr. John Witherspoon (President of Princeton College, Signer of the Declaration of Independence), through eminent Scottish clergymen to John Knox, the Reformer, and Knox's wife who was of the nobility. Through her the line goes back to Robert the Bruce and to earlier Scottish rulers to David I, Malcolm III and to Duncan I slain by Macbeth. Robert the Bruce's Norman line goes back about eight generations to the Norman Duke who became The Conqueror, William I of England. Through the latter the line goes back to early rulers in France in the 9th century.

Harper enlisted, before he went to college, in the Spanish-American War and was in the fighting in the Philippine Islands. He became a Mason, was graduated with a Law degree from the U. of Mich. in 1907; was a member of the Acacia Fraternity in college; married, 9-4-1907, Jessie Gould Laing of Ann Arbor. The two went to the P.I. for four years where he was attorney for the Bureau of Public Works. Returning to the States by way of Europe, they settled in Washington, D.C., where Harper became an attorney in the Federal Trade Commission. In 1939 they moved to California, first living in Glendale three years, then buying a place in Pasadena. Children: James Harper and Laing Witherspoon.

Harper was of medium height, had blue eyes, a fair skin, and black, curly hair, the latter turning very white as he grew older. He had good health, was a good horseback rider, excelled in ice-skating, in tennis, and in chess. In Washington, he taught Sunday School classes for many years.

In May, 1950, he was in perfect health, when he slipped and fell, striking his head on concrete, died 28 hours later. His ashes were entombed in Mountain View Mausoleum, Altadena, California.

165 James Harper Sibbet was born 8-25-1914 in Washington, D.C. He became an Eagle Scout. In the summer of 1935, he broke down with pulmonary tuberculosis contracted from a woman in the Washington government office where he worked for a year. He spent several years in bed and several as a semi-invalid. In 1947 an operation on the affected lung restored him to health, and he graduated from the University of Southern California in 1949 as an Industrial Engineer. Since then he has had his own business of sound equipment. He has recently (1955) begun the manufacture of the "Phono-Tape Recorder," an invention of his which is an accessory device to be attached to a phonograph enabling one to play tape and make tape recordings on the phonograph and still use the phonograph for records.

He has been very active in Republican work, sings in the Presbyterian church choir. He has black, curly hair and dark, hazel eyes, is interested in photography and music, unmarried, lives with his mother at 1091 Woodbury Road, Pasadena 6, Calif.

166 Laing Witherspoon Sibbet was born 4-12-1916 in Washington, D.C. He became an Eagle Scout. For a year he worked as under-scientific aide at Beltsville, Md., the U.S. experimental station. In 1941 he was graduated from the University of Calif. at Los Angeles and the next day, 6-15-1941, married Dorothy Jane Egly of Bellevue, Pittsburgh, Pa., who had graduated from Wilson College (Presb.) in Chambersburg, Pa. The two went to San Anselmo, Calif., where is situated the San Francisco Presbyterian Theological Seminary from which Laing graduated in 1944. His first pastorate was at the Two Rock Valley Presbyterian Church near Petaluma, Calif. In Dec. 1948 he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Bishop, Calif., a pastorate which he holds at the present time (1955).

Laing is tall, has very dark brown hair, hazel eyes. His pastimes are hunting and fishing. He is interested also in music and enjoys gardening in the spacious grounds around the church and around the manse which is next the church. Children: David Laing, James Lowry, John Witherspoon, Gordon Miller. Address of church is 585 No. Main; manse, 150 West Elm St.

166A Dorothy Jane Egly was born 1-24-1916 in Chicago, Ill., to Milo Jacob Egly and Clara Ida Miller. The family moved to Bellevue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Her father was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, his last position being that of Chief Clerk. The name, "Egly" is of Swiss origin. Dorothy graduated from Bellevue High School as valedictorian of the class in Jan., 1933; graduated from Wilson College (Presbyterian) in Chambersburg, Pa., magna cum laude, in June 1937. She taught awhile at Bellevue High School, then studied business and became a stenographer in Pittsburgh. She had met Laing Witherspoon Sibbet at a Wilson College dance in 1936. On 6-15-1941 the two were married in Glendale, Calif. Dorothy is very pretty, is small, has dark eyes and light brown hair. She is an accomplished pianist and organist and often accompanies Laing when he sings. Four sons, as above in 166.

171 Mary Grace Laing was born 4-3-1889 in Flint, Mich. When she was fifteen, she moved with her mother and sister to Ann Arbor, Mich., where she graduated from the Ann Arbor High School. From the age of one or two, she has suffered from being hard of hearing. For one year she took a Domestic Science course at the Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti, Mich., but gave up the idea of preparing to teach because of her defective hearing. Later, she studied the piano. In 1916 she obtained a position in the Cata-

logue Department of the U. of Mich. library.

In Dec., 1917, she took a position in Washington, D.C., in the Ordnance Department of the War Department. She and her mother moved to Washington, her mother buying the house next to Mary's sister, Jessie. In Aug. 1921 Mary transferred to the Library of the Government Printing Office; transferred in Oct. 1922 to the Treasury Department in the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

She took an extension course in Library Science given by Columbia University, N.Y. In Feb. 1928 she obtained a position in the U.S. Engineer School Library as Assistant Librarian. The school was located at the Army War College (now called Ft. McNair) in the District of Columbia. In 1935 the library was moved to Ft. Humphreys, Va. (now called Ft. Belvoir) which is a little farther away from Washington than Mt. Vernon.

For nearly 16 years, Mary commuted daily, 28 miles each way, from Washington to Ft. Belvoir. In Dec. 1950, she retired.

Mary is short, has very large greenish-hazel eyes and a smooth, fine skin. Her hair is brown, now turning gray. Address: 1101 W.Va.Ave., N.E. Apt. 209, Washington 2, D.C.

172 James R. Laing II (b. 9-18-1890; d. 9-26-1890) was born in Flint, Mich., died of cholera infantum, was buried in Avondale Cemetery in Flint.

* 173 William Lloyd Laing (b. 7-2-1850; d. 1828), son of 123 John Beveridge Laing I, was born in Kircaldy or Markinch, Scotland, came to the U.S. with his parents in 1855 and lived with them in Vermont. He became a carpenter, * married, 2-4-1873, Janet(Nettie) Greig of Newbury, Vt. They lived at Topsham, Vt., later at Newbury, in Evart, Mich., in Otisville, Mich., and in Flint, Mich. They had five children: Mary Ellen(Mamie), Ralph James, Emma, Lucretia (Louie or Lou), William Winfred. After many years in Flint, they moved with their family to Pontiac, Mich. Nettie died. He then married 193 Grace ? William Lloyd Laing was of medium height, had brown hair and light-brown or hazel eyes. He was a rather silent man. In later life, he lived in Vermont and died there.

*** 174 Janet(Nettie) Greig (b. 2-28-1845; d. 3-24-1919) was born in Auchtermuchty, Scotland. Her great grandparents were Robert and Christian (Wallace) Greig. They lived in Fifeshire, Scotland. (See chart following this record). Among their children were James, Robert, and May(Mary).

**** Mary(May) married Alexander Laing, came to Newbury, Vt.

*** Robert Greig (b. in Weymes, Fifeshire, Scotland, 9-1-1795; d. 12-2-1858) was a farmer. He married 11-12-1824 Euphemia Mackie of Markinch, Fifeshire. They came to Newbury, Vt., in 1850 and settled on Leighton Hill. Presbyterians. Euphemia died in Brattleboro, Vt. 6-30-1878. Children: Nancy, Robert, Andrew R., James W., the latter becoming a doctor in E. Corinth, Vt., Ryegate, and Brattleboro.

James Greig of Fifeshire, Scotland, married Elizabeth. They were the grandparents of 174 Janet(Nettie) Greig. Their son, Robert, became the

* 175 Mary Ellen(Mamie) Laing McLintock says he was born in Kircaldy. My notes say Markinch.

** This is from my notes taken during conversations with my mother. 175 Mamie Laing McLintock says they were married in Otisville, Mich., but the "History of Newbury" says they lived at Topsham, Vt., and later at Newbury.

*** From "History of Newbury," pps. 561 and 562.

**** This Alexander Laing is the one recorded in the text under "122 perhaps."

father of 174 Janet(Nettie) Greig.

* Robert Greig, son of James and Elizabeth Greig (b.8-27-1815;d.5-29-1879) was born in Weymess, Fifeshire, Scotland. He married in Auchtermuchty, Scotland, Helen, daughter of Thomas and Janet Arthur (b.Dunshalt, Scotland, 11-14-1816). Robert Greig was a linen weaver and station agent. They came to Newbury, Vt., in 1855, being two months and ten days on the voyage from Scotland to New York. They settled on a farm. He was a machinist seven years in the scale works at St.Johnsbury. His wife died 5-2-1881.

Their children were:

James,b.1-22-1841, Drumsholt,Scotland,enlisted 7-16-1861,Co.C,3rd Vt., killed at the battle of Cedar Creek 10-19-1864.

Thomas,b.Auchtermuchty, Scotland, 2-22-1843; enlisted in Co.H,12th Vt.; mustered in 10-4-1862; mustered out 7-14-1863; in 2nd Vt.Battery,1-13-1864; d.4-11-1864 in service at Port Hudson,La.

174 Janet(Nettie) b.2-28-1845;m.2-4-1873, William Lloyd, son of John Beveridge Laing I. She died 3-24-1919.

Robert, b.2-10-1848;d.3-20-1852.

Lizzie,b.12-9-1851; res.Flint,Mich., for many years; died.

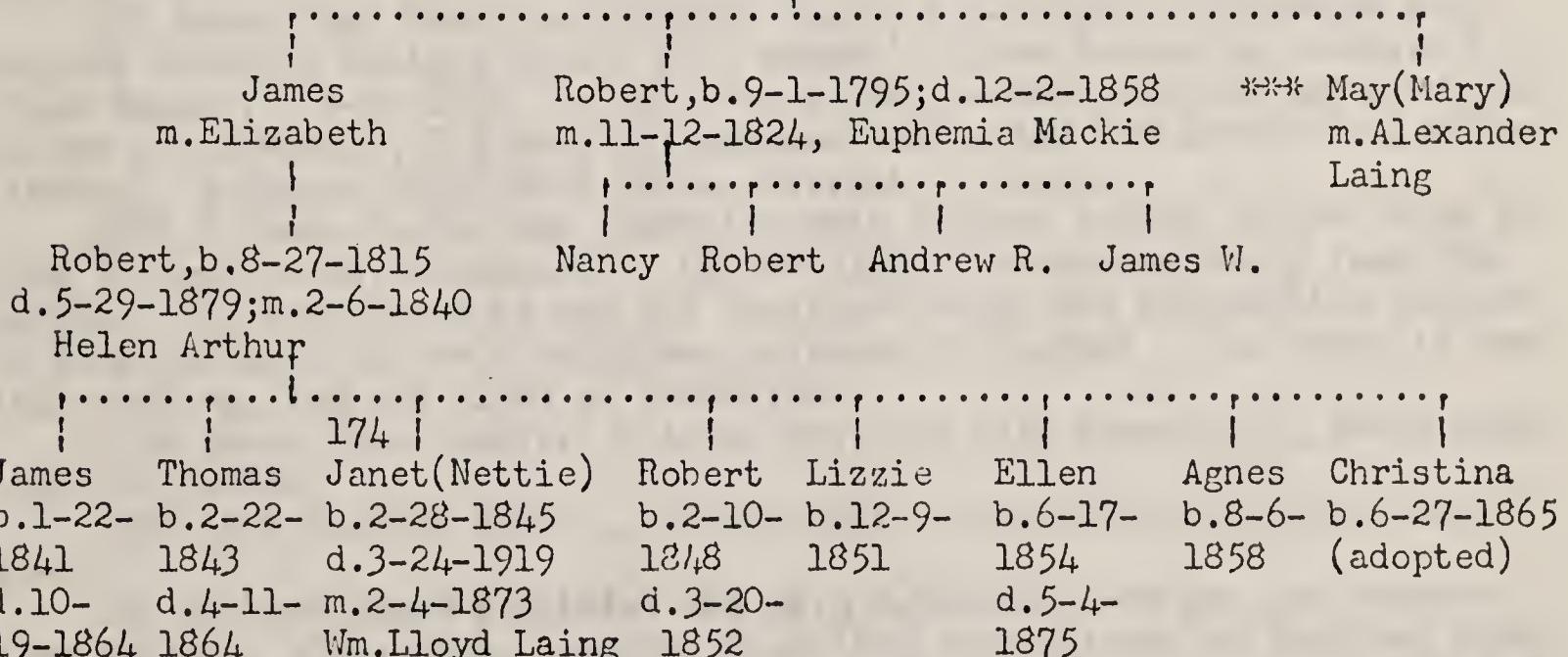
Ellen,b.6-17-1854;d.Newbury, 5-4-1875.

Agnes,b.8-6-1858,Newbury;d.2-17-1877.

Christina (adopted) b.6-27-1865.

Lizzie and Christina always lived together after they went to Flint, Mich. Lizzie never married but Christina did rather late in life and lived in the midwest. Janet (always called Nettie) became a dressmaker in Vermont. She married 173 William Lloyd Laing. They lived in Otisville, Mich., Evart, Mich., then in Flint. Children: Mary Ellen (Namie), Ralph James, Emma, Lucretia (Louie or Lou), William Winfred. Later, the family moved to Pontiac, Mich. It was in Pontiac that Nettie died. Her cousin was President Arthur of the U.S.

Robert Greig married Christian Wallace



* From "History of Newbury," pps. 561 and 562.

** The granddaughter, 175 Mary Ellen(Mamie) Laing, of Robert Greig and his wife, Helen Arthur, has their marriage license which is dated 2-3-1840.

*** See 122 in text for the descendants of May(Mary) Greig.

175 Mary Ellen(Mamie) Laing was born 5-24-1874 at Evart, Mich.; married at Dover, Ontario, Canada, 6-26-1895, Arthur(Art) E. McLintock. As a girl she always seemed to wear a pleasant smile, perhaps does now. She is of medium height, has blue eyes; her brown hair now is white. She went to the Flint High School. She and her husband moved to Pontiac, Mich., where they built three beautiful homes in a row, they occupying the middle one, and their son and daughter, respectively, living for some time in the other two. Mamie, now, does much reading and making of scrap books. Children: Winifred Laing and Milo Douglas. Address: 2920 Dixie Highway, Pontiac, Mich.

176 Arthur(Art) E. McLintock (b.8-18-1871;d.11-10-1931) married Mary Ellen(Mamie) Laing. He was a real estate broker in Pontiac, Mich., where he became prosperous. He died of a heart attack.

177 Winifred Laing McLintock was born 6-17-1897 in Flint, Mich.; married 6-14-1922 in Pontiac, Mich., Charles N. Humphries (b.9-19-1894). She does a great deal of sewing and fancy work. Children: Donald Max, Betty Jean, Maxine, Barbara Leone. Address: 2920 Dixie Highway, Pontiac, Mich.

177A Charles N. Humphries was born 9-19-1894. He married Winifred Laing McLintock. His hobby is machinery.

177B Donald Max Humphries was born 4-2-1923 at Pontiac, Mich. He had 1½ years at Alma College in Alma, Mich.; three years and seventeen days in service in U.S. and in Korea; then married 5-10-1946 in Pontiac Wilma Jeanne Townsend (b.7-28-1926). He is now Supervisor in the Foundry Engineer Layout at Pontiac Motors. His hobbies are woodworking, bowling, and anything in the engineering line. Children: Donald Laing, Robyn Leigh, Gary Greig. Address: 2964 Dixie Highway, Pontiac, Mich.

177D Donald Laing Humphries (called Laing), b.2-9-1947, has medium brown hair.

177E Robyn Leigh Humphries, b.11-2-1948, has light brown hair.

177F Gary Greig Humphries (called Greig), b.12-4-1950, is blond, has blue eyes.

178 Betty Jean Humphries (called Jean), b.6-13-1924, graduated from Western Michigan College with a B.S. degree in Home Economics, married H. Bruce Butler, 6-26-1945, on the 50th wedding anniversary of the marriage of her grandparents, 175 Mary Ellen(Mamie) Laing and 176 Arthur(Art) E. McLintock. Address: 10039 Mark Twain, Detroit 27, Mich.

178A H.Bruce Butler was graduated with highest honors in his class at Alma College, Alma, Michigan. On 6-26-1945, he married Betty Jean Humphries. For four years he was the Assistant Coach and Mathematics teacher at Alma College, is now a machinery salesman in Detroit. His hobby is hunting, bowling, and all kinds of athletics.

178B Terry Bruce Butler, b.1-31-1950, has dark brown hair, brown eyes, like his father.

178C Kirt Charles Butler, b.12-26-1951, has light brown hair, blue eyes.

180 Barbara Leone Humphries was born 9-7-1932. She had one year at Alma College, Alma, Mich., married 7-12-1952 James Gilmer at Pontiac, Mich. Her hobbies are swimming, water skiing, and her girl scout troupe. She and her husband have a daughter, Kathryn Lee. Address: 2462 Omira, Pontiac, Mich.

180A James Gilmer was born 5-4-1931, is a Ford car salesman. Hobbies are boating, swimming, and motors.

180B Kathryn Lee Gilmer was born 6-22-1953. She has blue eyes and blond, curly hair. At nine weeks of age she was flown with her Grandfather Gilmer from Gatesville, Tex., to Detroit (Willow Run) for medical aid. Her

father was in the service in Texas in the hospital at the time. Now (1955) she is healthy and in Pontiac, Mich.

181 Milo Douglas McLintock was born 3-3-1905 in Flint, Mich., graduated from the U. of Mich. in Law, June, 1930. He was interested in Dramatics in college. He married, 4-19-1928, Josephine Durrant. They had four children: Mary Louise, Philip Durrant, Marcia Jean, Marilyn Kay. On 1-31-1947, he married Louise Gulick. Address: 1084 Waddington Road, Birmingham, Mich.

181B Mary Louise McLintock was born 1-21-1930, graduated from Western Michigan College June, 1952, taught grade school in California two years, travelled in Europe, now teaches in Battle Creek, Mich. Home address: 1084 Waddington Road, Birmingham, Mich.

181C Philip Durrant McLintock was born 9-15-1932, graduated from Art School in Chicago as Commercial Artist. Address: 1084 Waddington Road, Birmingham, Mich.

181D Marcia Jean McLintock was born 5-8-1937. She attends (1955) Kingswood at Cranbrook, is very interested in and good in Dramatics. Address: 1084 Waddington Road, Birmingham, Mich.

181E Marilyn Kay McLintock was born 7-26-1941, attends Junior High School in Pontiac, Mich. Address: 1084 Waddington Road, Birmingham, Mich.

183 Ralph James Laing (b.5-7-1878;d.5-16-1928) was born in Evart, Mich. As a boy and young man, he was an expert ice-skater. When I was a very young girl, it was always a thrill when Ralph would skate with me on the Flint River if he happened to see me there. One time we were skating together as fast as we could go, which was very fast with Ralph. Suddenly, too late, we saw another couple rushing full speed upon us. We crashed and went down in a tangled heap, everybody seeing stars. We were all so stunned and mixed up that it was some time before all the legs and arms could be disentangled. Ralph married, 5-3-1905, in Chatham, Ontario, Canada, Flora (Flo) Smith (b.10-5-1880). No children. His widow, who has lately (1955) been very ill, lives at 105 Palmer St., Pontiac, Mich.

184 Emma Laing (b.1-31-1880;d.6-5-1947) was born in Evart, Mich. She married 6-7-1904, in Otisville, Mich., John H. Shauman (b.10-28-1879;d.5-27-1946). They lived in Pontiac, Mich. Emma died of cancer. Children: Onnolee Georgia and Dorothy Leone.

184A John H. Shauman (b.10-28-1879;d.5-27-1946) married Emma Laing. He worked for the Pontiac Commercial Bank in charge of the Mortgage Department until the crash that closed all banks. Shortly after that, he went into business for himself with Robert J. Dawson, called Dawson-Shauman Agency. They managed estates, handled mortgages, and sold all types of insurance. He was in that business until his death from a heart attack. His hobby was golf. He managed Green Lake Country Club and later the Elizabeth Lake Country Club. He also enjoyed hunting deer and hunting pheasants with his Brittany spaniel, Freckles. The family still has the dog which is a real pal to Sheryl Lynn, the 10-year-old (1955) daughter.

185 Onnolee Georgia Shauman was born 12-12-1909 in Greenville, Mich. She graduated from Pontiac High School in June, 1928, and took postgraduate work one year, was married June 2, 1934, at Angola, Indiana, to James Robert White. She worked at the Commercial Bank four years as Assistant to the Auditors, and the Genersl Motors Truck and Coach Company as secretary to the Specifications Engineer from January, 1934,to November, 1944. Her daughter, Sheryl Lynn, was born April 4, 1945. Since then, she has been just a house-wife. They have a summer home and cabin cruiser on the north shore of Lake Superior in Canada where they spend summers deep-sea fishing and, in November, hunting deer, moose, and bear. Address: 462 W.Iroquois Rd., Pontiac, Mich.

185A James Robert White was born 8-12-1905, in Pontiac and is a great outdoor man, loves hunting, fishing, and all sports. He is a Captain in the Pontiac Fire Department with 28 years' service, is a member of the Elks Lodge #810, is a Mason, and a member of the Metropolitan Club of America (consisting of Police, Fire, and Postal Employees).

185B Sheryl Lynn White, b.4-4-1945, is a pretty, blue-eyed blond.

186 Dorothy Leone Shauman was born 2-9-1916 at Greenville, Mich., graduated from Pontiac High School in June, 1935, then took postgraduate work for one year. In August, 1941, she entered nurse's training at St. Catherine's Hospital at Chicago, Ill., graduating from there in August, 1944. She was Supervisor of the Annex Building of Highland Park General Hospital from Sept. 1944 until May of 1945. She returned to St. Catherine's Hospital as Supervisor of the Nursery from June 1945 until May of 1946 when her father died. At that time she went home to be with her mother and worked at Pontiac General Hospital from June 1946 to 1950 as Director of Nurses. From 1950 to 1952 she was Director of Nurses at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and, at the same time, attended Mercy College of Nursing.

From then until the present time (March, 1955) she has been working at the N.A.Woodworth Company in Ferndale as secretary to the Chief Metallurgical Engineer and doing part-time nursing week ends at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac.

Her hobby is golf - winning two championships, one in 1935 and one in 1936, at Elizabeth Lake Country Club.

187 Lucretia (Louie or Lou) Laing (b.7-27-1881;d.7-19-1950) was born in Evart, Mich. She married 4-8-1903 George Ensworth. Children: Ralph E., Fern Lucile, Robert John, Thelma Lucretia, Enid Elaine, George II. They lived in Pontiac, Mich. She died of a heart attack.

187A George Ensworth (b.7-31-1878;d.2-7-1955) worked in a factory. He was a diabetic with complications.

188 Ralph E. Ensworth was born 1-1-1905, married 10-9-1929 Virginia Murphy (b.11-17-1905). A son, Richard R. Address: 50 Niagara, Pontiac, Mich.

188A Virginia Murphy was born 11-17-1905, married Ralph E. Ensworth. She can do knitting and all kinds of beautiful needlework.

188B Richard R. Ensworth was born 7-6-1933. He will graduate from Michigan State College in June 1955.

189 Fern Lucile Ensworth was born 7-8-1907, is Assistant Supervisor of Booking Department of Community National Bank in Pontiac, has worked in the bank since Sept. 1929, is unmarried. Address: 968 Mandan Toad, Milford, Mich.

190 Robert John Ensworth was born 6-8-1913, married 7-17-1937 Virginia Merz. Son, Robert John Jr. Address: 235 Starr, Pontiac, Mich.

190B Robert John Ensworth Jr. was born 5-6-1938, will graduate from Pontiac High School June, 1956.

191 George Ensworth II, son of 187 Lucretia Laing and her husband, George Ensworth, was born 9-28-1922, married 9-7-1950 Faith Rudy of Calif. He is a minister, is teaching Religion (1955) in Pennsylvania. Son, Timothy. Address: 4806 Springfield Ave., Philadelphia 43, Pa.

192 William Winfred Laing, son of 173 William Lloyd Laing, was born 10-9-1883 in Evart, Mich. He died 4-24-1887 in Flint, Mich. of diphtheria, a greatly feared and often fatal disease at that time. He was buried at night in the yard.

194 George Laing, son of 123 John Beveridge Laing I and his wife Mary Thom, was born in Markinch, Scotland, 2-10-1851 or 1852; d.1854 or 1855. In

addition, my notes say only "died at 3 years of age. Topsham." Topsham is in Vermont. The family left Scotland for the U.S. in 1855 according to my * notes.

195 Mary Belle Laing, youngest child of 123 John Beveridge Laing I and his wife, Mary Thom, was born 9-12-1857 in Topsham, Vermont, the second Mary of her parents, the first Mary having died in infancy. Mary Belle was the only child of her parents not born in Scotland. She married, eloping, ** 12-24-1872 Daniel Taisey of Newbury, three months after the death of his first wife. The marriage was a great sorrow to her parents because her husband was 26 years her senior and already had five children, the youngest having been born the day of his first wife's death. Mary Belle and Daniel had six children: Willie D., Katie Belle, Jessie May, Annie L., Mary F., Willie J.

*** 195A Daniel Taisey was born 8-16-1831 in Groton, Vt., son of James and Ruth (Darling) Taisey. In 1850 he went to Calif., then to Honolulu and Australia. He returned to Vermont 5-20-1857; married (according to the "History of Newbury") 1-1-1857 Isabel J. Latto who died in Newbury 9-23-1872, giving birth to their 5th child. On 12-24-1872, he married Mary Belle Laing. He was blacksmith, farmer, and worked at lumbering. Sept. 5, 1862, he enlisted at East Topsham, was in the Gettysburg campaign. On his discharge in 1863, he became a farmer in Newbury.

* 175 Mary Ellen (Mamie) Laing McLintock thinks the year was 1853.

** "History of Newbury," p. 707.

*** "History of Newbury," pps. 706 and 707.

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